



## MINUTES

### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MARCH 19, 2008

**Call to Order/  
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Commissioners Absent:** Spencer

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Harlow, Kirkorn, Mason, McGovern, Rivera, and Siersema were in attendance.

**Others Present:** Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works  
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager  
Terri Elliott, Acting City Engineer  
Bill Janusz, Principal Engineer  
Linda Daily, Project Manager  
Jim Merid, Administrative Environmental Specialist  
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

## MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the minutes of February 19, 2008.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	4
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS:	2 (Kirkorn, Harlow)

## PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

Travis Hopkins presented a plaque to Commissioner Siersema in recognition of his year of service to the Commission as Chair for year 2007.

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## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Three speakers on Item G-1-Traffic Signal Installations – addressing a proposed traffic signal at the location of Adams Avenue and Ranger Lane.

Sean Root

Paul Haussler

Alice Rafidi

## DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. 2008 Traffic Commissioners Workshop – Mr. Hopkins informed the Commissioners the annual Traffic Commissioners Workshop is expected to be held in April. As soon as any information is received on the workshop it will be provided to the Commissioners.

At a previous meeting, the Commission had requested a copy of the pier inspection report. A copy of the report was provided to the Commission with a brief summary by Travis Hopkins. A PowerPoint presentation containing color photos of the pier pilings from the report was presented.

Commissioner Mason inquired if the pier is insured. Mr. Hopkins will follow-up on the question and report back to the Commission.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information.

Commissioner Mason inquired if the future kiosk at the pier was being constructed by Public Works staff and Mr. Hopkins responded the project will go out for bid as a Public Works project.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired about the street lights in the Newland Street widening project. The street lights are currently on wooden poles. With the undergrounding of the utilities he inquired if the street lights were being eliminated, replaced, or would remain on the existing poles. Mr. Hopkins responded staff will review the plans and respond to the Commission but it is not the intent to reduce the lighting.

Commissioner Siersema asked for an update on the Warner Avenue Gravity Sewer. Mr. Hopkins gave an update. Staff is working with the contactor and negotiations are on-going.

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Commissioner Siersema inquired on the HES Signal Modifications as to why they require Caltrans authorization. HES projects are federally funded and administered through Caltrans, therefore, their approval is required.

Commissioner McGovern inquired on the status of MSC 455 the tree petition streets and Mr. Hopkins responded the project should soon be ready to go out for bid. Some streets do not require plans prior to rehabilitation.

- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information.

Mr. Hopkins informed the Commission that on April 7 the Study Session will be a joint presentation with the Planning Department on the Circulation Element.

- F-3. FOG Control Program Report – Linda Daily presented the report on the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Control Program. The goal of the FOG Program is to reduce the volume of FOG discharged to the sewage collection system and focuses on Food Service Establishments (FSEs) that use fats, oil and grease in food preparation. The program was implemented in 2005 and the report covers the overall goals and progress of the FOG Program through FY2006/07.

Over 500 inspections are made annually of current and new food establishments. In year 2007, 53 Notice of non-compliance were issued. Only four did not immediately respond and were issued citations. All four citations were issued to repeat violators. Jim Merid, Administrative Environmental Specialist, was introduced and gave a brief overview of training and inspection.

The FOG fee is intended to recover the cost of administering the program. A new cost allocation study is anticipated concurrent with the FY2008/09 budget process. Staff recommends adjusting the FOG fees concurrent with the budgetary process.

The Commission then complimented the department on the program.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- G-1. Traffic Signal Installations – Goldenwest Street and Rio Vista Drive (CC-1300) – Adams Avenue and Ranger Lane (CC-1311) – Bill Janusz of the Transportation Division presented the item.

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Goldenwest and Rio Vista – The intersection is listed as number two (2) on the current Approved Traffic Signal Priority List. Side streets are currently stop sign controlled and Goldenwest is not stop sign controlled. The traffic signal will control all legs of the intersection. Crosswalks will be provided across the west, south and east legs of the intersection. A north leg crosswalk will not be provided due to geometric constraints.

Adams and Ranger – The intersection is listed as number one (1) on the current Approved Traffic Signal Priority List. Southbound Ranger Lane currently terminates at Adams Avenue and is controlled by a stop sign. The traffic signal will control all legs of the intersection and will include an eastbound left turn arrow. No crosswalk will be provided crossing Adams Avenue.

A neighborhood meeting was held on November 14, 2007 to introduce the project and to obtain residents' comments. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting held at Pegasus School and the installation of a traffic signal was generally supported by the majority of attendees that expressed an opinion.

Three citizens spoke to the project under Public Comments at tonight's meeting and three written communications received by Public Works the day of the Commission meeting were provided to the Commissioners. The three speakers spoke in support of the signal but asked for consideration of "no right turn on red" signage. Both speakers and written communication voiced concern of potential increased and speeding traffic through the neighborhoods.

Discussion was held by the Commissioners. Consideration of no right turn on red and/or a red arrow deterrent was supported by the Commission. In response to a question, traffic cannot be restricted to residents only as Ranger Lane is a public street. The police department will be advised of the concerns of the residents. A request for initial police presence was another request of the Commission that will be relayed to the police department; however, it will be that department's decision on the amount of enforcement to be used.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to recommend to the City Council the installation of traffic signals at Goldenwest Street and Rio Vista Drive (CC-1300) and at Adams Avenue and Ranger Lane (CC-1311).

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VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

G-2. Traffic Signal and Interconnect Installations - Interconnect on Main Street – Florida Street to Promenade Parkway (CC-1301), Traffic Signal – Bolsa Chica Street and Robinwood Drive (CC-1303) – Bill Janusz presented the item.

Bolsa Chica Street and Robinwood Drive – The intersection was identified as a high priority for the 2005 Traffic Signal Priority List and listed as number one (1) on that list. Westbound Robinwood Drive currently terminates at Bolsa Chica Street and is controlled by a stop sign. The traffic signal will control all legs of the intersection and will include a “protected-permissive” southbound left-turn arrow. A crosswalk will be provided across the east leg of the intersection. There will be no crosswalk across Bolsa Chica due to the geometric constraints and costs to meet ADA compliance for a crossing.

Interconnect on Main Street – Florida to Promenade Parkway - The installation of interconnect conduit on Main Street between Florida and Promenade will complete a missing communication link to the traffic signal master located at City Hall. Discussion was held on signal light timing to allow citizens ample time to cross the intersections.

Commissioner Kirkorn requested any lighting in the vicinity of the wetlands area be shielded or not hang over the wetlands thus preventing disturbance of wildlife.

Motion by Commission Mason, seconded by Commissioner Harlow to recommend to the City Council the installation of interconnect conduit and conductors along Main Street from Florida Street to Promenade Parkway (CC-1301) and the installation of a traffic signal at Bolsa Chica Street and Robinwood Drive (CC-1303).

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

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- G-3. In-Road Lighted Crosswalk on Bushard Street at Yellowstone Drive (CC-1329) – Bill Janusz presented the item. This is a pilot project for the City. In the vicinity are five schools with the closest school being Hawes School. New established students from the west side will begin attending Hawes School. The intent is to guide pedestrians to cross between two bollards that would activate the in-road flashing crosswalk system to warn motorists of pedestrian activity and to encourage pedestrian access to Hawes School. There will be no push button system. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Mason to recommend to the City Council the installation of an in-road lighted crosswalk on Bushard Street at Yellowstone Drive (CC-1329).

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Three written communications related to the traffic signal installation on Adams Avenue and Ranger Lane were provided to the Commissioners at the beginning of the meeting. Those submitting written communications were:

Andrea You

Allen You

Amy Nigro

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Harlow inquired on the Traffic Signal Priority List and where Beach and Memphis is on the list. Mr. Stachelski responded after the traffic signal installations at Adams at Ranger and Goldenwest at Rio Vista Beach and Memphis would move up to number two (2) on the current Traffic Signal Priority List but cautioned the ranking could change when the list is re-prioritized.

Commissioner Siersema inquired when a new traffic study was planned. Mr. Stachelski stated he anticipates a new traffic study will be performed in the next two to three months. The last study was performed in 2006.

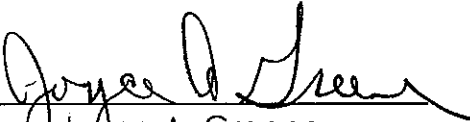
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## ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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George Rivera  
Chair



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Joyce A. Greene  
Administrative Assistant

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